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Mr. John A. Gross
Spence, Hotchkiss, Parker & Murray
40 Wall Street
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Gross:

In reply to your letter of 5 January 1949, I think events have overtaken its content. [redacted] urged by some friends in the Central Intelligence Agency, made application for a certain position. In looking over his Form 57 and his Personal History Sheet, it was determined that he did not have the necessary qualifications for the position in question. At no time was there ever, nor is there now, any question about his security status. He was not rejected for lack of, or lapse of, security, but simply because of non-qualification for the position for which he was considered.

I have already written to [redacted] stating very definitely that there was no question of security entering into his rejection, but I am afraid he has lent too much credence to some irresponsible rumors.

Thanks for your interest in this matter because, as you know, we certainly are trying to do the fair and honest thing.

With very best personal wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 1/7/49

R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Note for Record: Reference rejection of [redacted]

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